

"Dear Mr. President", Granbury, Austin, Hood County, and Fletcher County, Texas, January or February 1942

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Cut A1

Co-ed: Mr. Roosevelt, I'm a co-ed here at the University of Texas. I'm from Mitchell County, way out in West Texas. I'd just like to tell you how I feel about this war and how a lot of other girls feel. Last summer and last fall, the war was a thing far way from me. All I thought about was having dates and having fun. I read about it in the papers and it was romantic. I thought I envied the girls who had boyfriends in the air corps, boys who'd go away to war. Now, it's very near to me Mr. Roosevelt. It's real. Someone I care a lot for is going away to war. I don't even know where he is. But now I know I have a definite part in this war. I don't know what that part is, but I'm willing to try to fit in. And I want you to know that we're all looking to you. We have put ever so much faith in you. And I want you bring us through and have a good world for our boys to come back to. Bill, if he ever comes back, I want us to be like it was before he left.

Cut A2

Co-ed: Mr. Roosevelt, I'm a co-ed here at the University. I'm from Mitchell County, way out in West Texas. I'd just like to tell you how I feel about this war. And I guess a lot of other girls feel the same way. Last summer and last fall the war was a thing far away from me. We read about it and it was romantic. I envied girls who had boyfriends in the air corps. Who had boyfriends who'd go away to war. But now Mr. Roosevelt it has struck very near to me. War is real. Someone I care a lot for has gone away. I don't even know where he is. He's made a great sacrifice. And now I know I'm a part of it all and I'm going to have to make sacrifices too. Somewhere I fit in. What my part is I don't know, but I'm willing to do anything I can. And I just want you to know that we're all looking to you with ever so much faith. We want you to bring us through and help us to make this a better world for our boys to come back to. Bill and all the rest